

## APPENDIX A

Example Codes for Fire Protection Requirements for Residential Development in Hazardous Fire Areas, taken from Proposed Codes for Bannock County (2004).

### Chapter 1 Administration

#### Section E101 – General

**E101.1 Title.** These regulations shall be known as the Urban-Wildland Interface Code, may be cited as such and will be referred to herein as “this code”.

**E101.2 – Scope.** The provision of this code shall apply to the construction, alteration, moving, repair, maintenance and use of any building, structure or premises within the wild-land interface areas in this jurisdiction.

Buildings or conditions in existence at the time of the adoption of this code are allowed to have their use or occupancy continued, if such condition use or occupancy was legal at the time of the adoption of this code, provided such continued use does not constitute a distinct danger to life or property.

Buildings or structures moved into or within the jurisdiction shall comply with the provisions of this code for new buildings or structures.

**E101.3 – Objective.** The objective of this code is to establish minimum regulations consistent with nationally recognized good practice for the safeguarding of life and property. Regulations in this code are intended to mitigate the risk to life and structures from intrusions of fire from wildland fire exposures and fire exposures from adjacent structures and to mitigate structure fires from spreading to wildland fuels.

The unrestricted use of property in the urban-wildland interface areas is a potential threat to life and property from fire and resulting erosion. Safeguards to prevent the occurrence of fires and to provide adequate fire-protection facilities to control the spread of fire in urban-wildland interface areas shall be in accordance with this code.

This code shall supplement the jurisdiction’s building and fire codes, to provide for special regulations to mitigate the fire and life safety hazards of the urban-wildland interface areas.

**E101.4 – Maintenance.** All buildings, structures, landscape materials, vegetation, survivable space or other devices or safeguards required by this code shall be maintained in conformance with the code edition under which installed. The owner or owner’s designated agent shall be responsible for the maintenance of buildings, structures, landscape materials and vegetation.

**E101.5 – Compliance Alternatives.** When there are practical difficulties involved in carrying out the provisions of this code, the code official is authorized to grant modifications for individual cases on application in writing by the owner or a duly authorized representative. The code official shall first find that a special individual reason makes the enforcement of the strict letter of this code impractical, the modification is in conformance with the intent and purpose of this code, and the modification does not lessen any fire protection requirements or any degree of structural integrity. The details of any action granting modifications shall be recorded and entered into the files of the code enforcement agency.